Mike A to senators: It's you who should resign, not GMA



THE FIVE SENATORS WHO are seeking President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation, not the President, should step down, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo said yesterday.

"It's you who should resign, not the President.

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Malacañang to 'Senate 5': Hypocrites, ignorant

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Cynthia Balana

MALACAÑANG SCOFFED AT A GROUP OF SENATORS, calling them "ignorant" and "hypocrites," for reviving calls for President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down after Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra decided to resign amid a mounting opposition in Thailand.

"Critics show their deep ignorance of how our current system of government works when they

MALACAÑANG/A19

'Don't rely on OFW money'

Cops hose down anti-Cha-cha demonstration

By Margaux C. Ortiz and DJ Yap

FOR 15 MINUTES YESTERDAY, they stood on forbidden ground. And then they were hosed down.

Months after the administration's calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy barred demonstrators from setting foot on historic Chino Roces Bridge (formerly Mendiola), more than 1,000 activists protesting Charter change and demanding President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation triumphantly claimed the area.

Organizers said it was so far the biggest protest action against Charter change this year.

And Renato Reyes, secretary general of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, said: "This is the first time we reached Mendiola since the CPR policy [began to be] implemented last year.

"That in itself is a victory."

But the activists had to play cat-and-mouse with police to be able to enter the city of Manila.

Because they were blocked at the Mabuhay Rotonda, the boundary between Manila and Quezon City, the activists decided to break up into small groups and pass through the inner streets of Sampaloc in Manila.

They reached Mendiola at around 1:45 p.m. and prepared to start their program.

But antiriot police moved in, using water cannons and truncheons to disperse them.

COPS/A6



WATERED DOWN VICTORY. Forbidden territory since the infamous CPR, Chino Roces Bridge (Mendiola) is reclaimed, if only for 15 minutes, by militants demanding the ouster of President Arroyo. Even if outnumbered and "cannonized" by antiriot cops, they claim pride of place and victory.

'Come visit to breathe the air of freedom,' RP envoy invites New York Times editors

By Volt Contreras

IT FELL UPON THE COUNTRY'S top diplomat in the Big Apple to refute the scathing New York Times editorial which sought to alert Washington about President Macapagal-Arroyo's "increasingly authoritarian tendencies" that could invite "terrorist pressures."

"The editorial 'Dark Days for Philippine Democracy' in [Wednesday's] issue of The New York Times must have been written through a glass darkly," said Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations Lauro Baja Jr., whose letter to the editor was quoted yesterday in a statement by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Baja even ended his letter with a tourism pitch, inviting Times editors—and readers—to "come visit the Philippines, breathe the air of freedom in a democracy that is thriving in our fertile

COME/A19

ADB cites other factors for stunted RP growth

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT Bank yesterday warned that sluggish investments, along with high dependence on overseas workers' remittances and consumption, were stunting potentials for higher economic growth in the Philippines.

In its flagship annual economic publication, Asian Development Outlook (ADO), the bank projected that the country's gross domestic product would rise by only 5 percent this year against the government's downscaled growth target of 5.5 to 6.2 percent and the 5.1-percent growth posted in 2005.

Growth for 2007 was forecast by the ADB at 5.3 percent.

"There is no immediate prospect of a significant improvement in the growth outlook. Consumption will remain the main driver from the demand side, with support from remittances," the ADB said.

"Introduction of the expanded value-added tax helped lift confidence in the outlook at a time of political uncertainty, though the quality of fiscal consolidation will be watched closely," the ADB said. "Investment continues to lag, while the dependence of growth on consumption and on remittance inflows limits prospects. In the near and medium term, growth of 5 percent is projected."

Inflation was seen to average 6.8 percent this year and 6.2 percent next year, easing from 7.6 percent in 2005.

The ADB lamented that the country's growth performance was falling short of what was required to make "significant inroads into persistent high levels of poverty and unemployment."

It noted that the country's unemployment rate remained

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CHA-CHA CAMPAIGN

Comelec official finds 'ghost' signatories in 2 provinces

By Jeannette Andrade, Cynthia D. Balana and Tina G. Santos

DEAD AND "GHOST" SIGNATORIES have cropped up in at least two provinces where the verification of signatures for the petition for Charter change is ongoing, a Commission on Elections official said yesterday.

The ranking official, who asked not to be named because he had no authority to speak to the media but who was privy to the verification being conducted in the provinces, cited the case of a dead councilor of a town in Rizal whose purported signature was on the petition.

After inspecting the signature, the election registrar found that it was the councilor's wife who had signed "in behalf of her dead husband."

In another province, which the official did not name, 12 percent of the signatories were not on the list of registered voters.

According to the official, the groups pushing for a people's initiative to amend the 1987 Constitution were "really spending money for it."

"What they do is lie. lie and lie to the people [about the real intention of the initiative]," he said.

He also wondered why, in some instances, it was officials and personnel of the Department of Interior and Local Government who were going to the Comelec regional offices to request the verification.

"If the initiative is a people's move, why are there DILG people?" he said.

James Arthur Jimenez, Comelec spokesperson for initiative matters, said the agency's official

COMELEC/A19



A MOTHER IS HEALING. On the 18th birthday of the late KC de Venecia, her mother Gina (left) is light of heart like the butterflies she lets go, one alighting on President Arroyo at the INA Healing Center, now under construction, at the DSWD, Batasan Hills.

2 new species—parrot, mouse—found in Camiguin

TWO NEW SPECIES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN the Philippines, one of the world's biodiversity hot spots facing environmental degradation and deforestation.

A brightly plumaged parrot and a long-tailed forest mouse unique to the country have been discovered in the vanishing rain forest of Camiguin Island, US-based researchers said yesterday.

Camiguin, a volcanic island in northern Mindanao, is a treasure trove of fauna, and already had endemic species of rodents and frogs before the discovery of the rusty brown mouse and the green hanging parrot, known among locals as "Colasisi."

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GREEN HANGING-PARROT known locally as "colasisi" is not exactly unique to the province. It is prized for its bright blue throat and thighs. Males and females have identical plumage which is unusual for this kind of parrot.

WHO lists remedies for critical shortage of health workers

COMMENTARY

(The author, the World Health Organization's regional director for the Western Pacific, announces on World Health Day today, April 7, a new alliance for human resources to remedy the critical shortage of doctors, nurses and other health workers in the developing world, especially the Philippines.)

By Dr. Shigeru Omi

THE PAST CENTURY HAS SEEN THE most spectacular medical breakthroughs in human history but these advances are of little value without qualified health workers to put them into practice.

Unfortunately, a steady exodus of doctors, nurses and other health workers from developing countries for higher-paying jobs abroad has created a health work force crisis. The resulting shortage of health workers in the developing world comes at a time when traditional diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis, are combining with modern lifestyle-related diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, to place an unprecedented strain on health care systems.

Add to this burden a wave of newly emerging threats such as avian influenza, and the day may not be too far off when the quality of health care will be jeopardized in many countries.

This critical shortage of doctors, nurses, midwives and other health workers takes its greatest toll on the poorest and most vulnerable populations.

In the World Health Organization's South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions, for instance, more than 5,000 children under the age of 28 days die every day. Many of those infants would survive if skilled attendants were on hand during childbirth. Yet, only 40 percent of births in India and 60 percent of births in the Philippines take place with the assistance of a health worker.

Many health workers from poorer

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FERTILIZER SCAM

Damning COA report out

By Philip C. Tubeza

AS OPPOSITION SENATORS PREPARE TO GO ON A NAtionwide campaign to force President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign, the Commission on Audit has released to the Senate a damning final report on the P728 million fertilizer fund scandal.



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By Blanche S. Rivera

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THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP REVOLUTION CONTINUES!



The Filipino Spirit of Optimism Lives!

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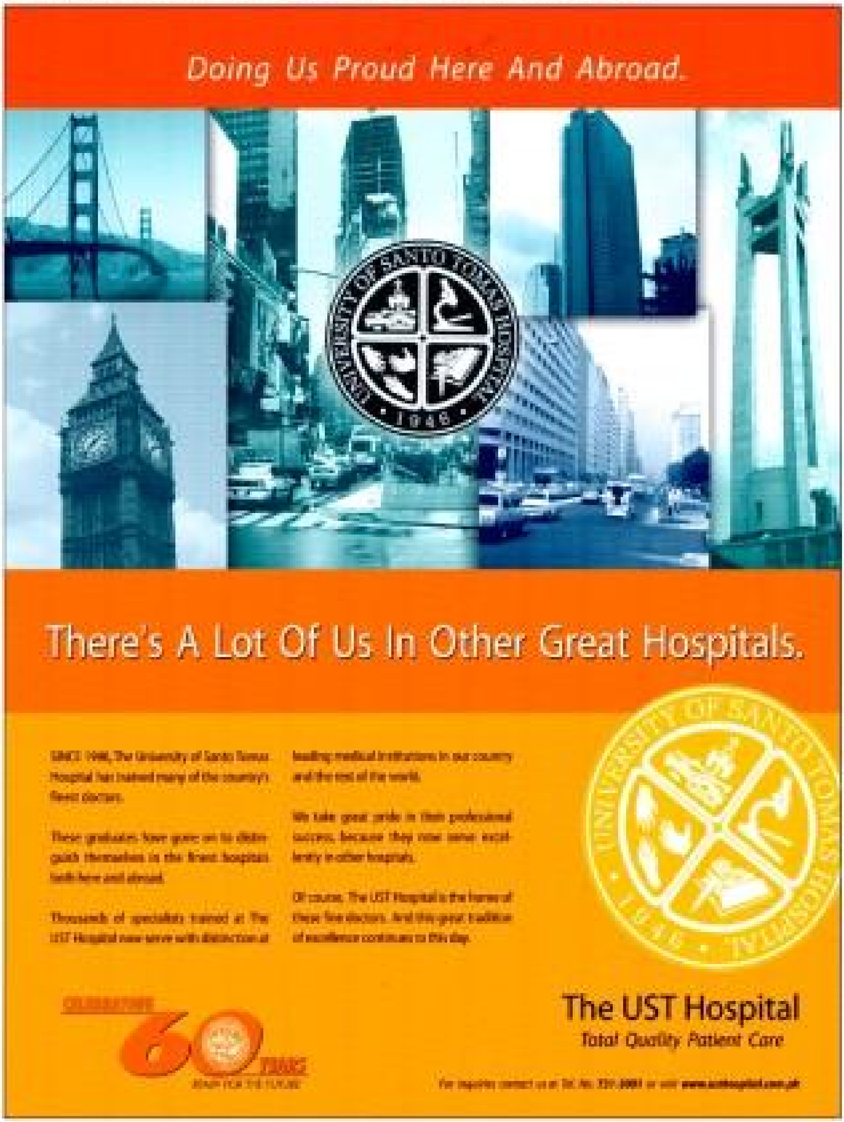
'Indie' retailers cut LPG prices by ₱1.50/kg

COOKING GAS JUST BECAME more affordable to more households after independent retailers cut their prices by ₱1.50 a kilo, or ₱16.50 per 11-kg cylinder, effective midnight last night. [illegible]





RP-JAPAN TIES
Foreign Secretary Alberto G. Romulo calls on Japan Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi at the Office of the Prime Minister in Tokyo, where Romulo extended to the Prime Minister an invitation to visit the Philippines in July on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Japan.



Ex-mayor charged in Quezon logging

AN EX-MAYOR AND municipal administrator of General Nakar town in Quezon have been charged with 122 counts of usurpation of authority in connection with illegal logging operations in the province. [illegible]

BACK TO OLD POSTS

Customs, DOF rethink revamp

By Leila B. Salaverria

TWO RESHUFFLES AT THE Bureau of Customs—due to take effect two weeks ago—have been held in abeyance by BOC Commissioner Napoleon Morales and Finance Secretary Margarito Teves.

The reassignment of over 20 district collectors and other officials would be "reevaluated," said BOC officer in charge Alexander Arevalo yesterday.

The development have not adversely affected customs operations, added Arevalo, who was named OIC when Morales flew to China earlier this week to attend the World Customs Organization general assembly.

Directive

Arevalo said Morales had ordered him last Friday to direct all the reshuffled officials to return to their former posts. On Monday, Teves issued a similar directive.

The finance secretary signs off on all movements of customs personnel who are presidential appointees.

"The reshuffle has been held in abeyance," said Arevalo in a phone interview. "The secretary deemed it fitting to reevaluate the revamp given the concerns raised."

The first reshuffle was to take place in the last week of March and affect five officials. The second revamp affecting 28 officials was to take place the following week.

One of the affected officials in the first reshuffle, collector Carlos So of the Manila International Container Port (MICP), did not immediately vacate his office after he was transferred to the office of the Commissioner.

Arevalo said So was still winding up his affairs but he was ready to turn the MICP over to his replacement, Adelina Molina of the Batangas Port, to honor a "gentleman's agreement" with her. The turnover was preempted, however, by the order halting the reshuffle.

No signature

Port of Cebu collector Lourdes Mangaoang, who was affected by the second reshuffle, had questioned the order transferring her to Iloilo, saying it had not been signed by Teves. Customs brokers, businessmen and local officials also protested her reassignment.

Despite the development, Arevalo said, operations at the bureau were not suffering.

"Even if we go back to the old setup in mid-March, the bureau then already had surplus earnings. So we are still in a good position," he said.

He said the bureau would not be bogged down since systems and procedures were in place.

"We are an organization of over 3,000 people. The movement of 20 or so would not stop our operations," he said.

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GMA asked: Stop Sierra Madre rape



TRIP

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INFANTA, Quezon—More than 20,000 Church leaders, local officials and villagers from the towns of Real, Infanta and General Nakar (Reina) have submitted a petition asking President Macapagal-Arroyo to stop logging in the Sierra Madre mountain ranges.

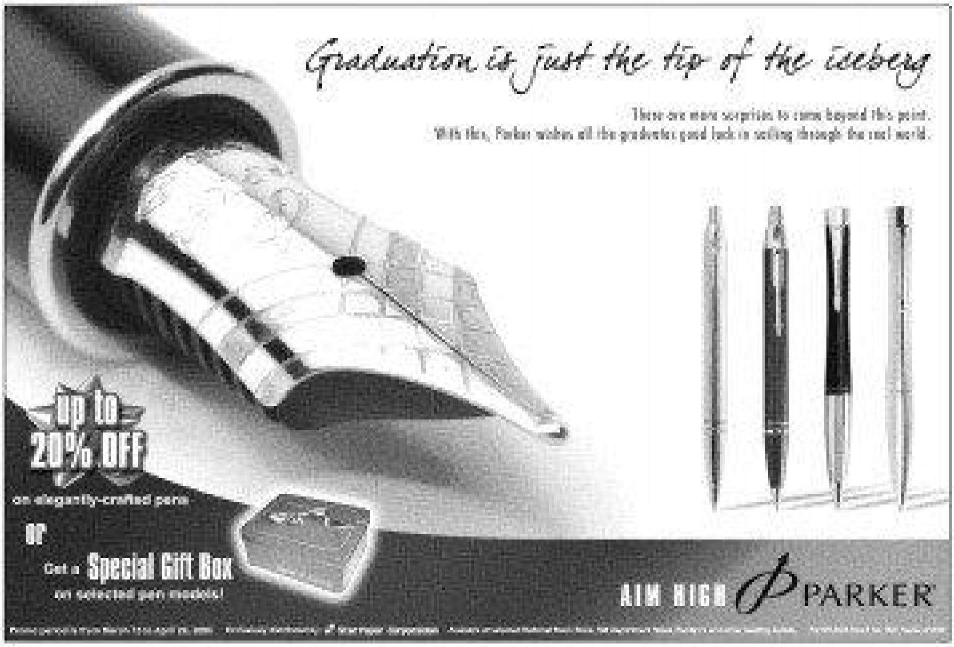
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Police say no politics behind murder charges filed vs Dumpits

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Catanduanes asks GMA: Stop power rate hike



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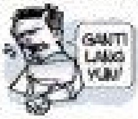
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By Tonette Orejas
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Pampanga city to hold Lent street play for 51st time

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Pacquiao wants P20 million for use of his name



THE CHAMP, also an endorser for giant firms like San Miguel, PLDT and McDonald's, is not happy about the "extra" publicity.

By DJ Yap and Philora de Quiros, Reuters

BOXING CHAMPION MANNY Pacquiao is asking for P20 million from a distributor of "Magic Sing" karaoke microphones, claiming his name was used without his permission.

The reigning World Boxing Council International super featherweight champion filed a complaint in the Quezon City prosecutor's office the other day against Su-a-Jiffy Enterprise and ESE Corp., distributor of New Magic Sing, for violations of the Intellectual Property Code. Also named respondents were company officials Andres Sanchez and Daniel del Rosario.

The alleged unauthorized use of the boxer's name in promotional materials reportedly compromised his endorsement deal with a direct competitor of the distributor.

Pacquiao accused Su-a-Jiffy and ESE with violation of Section 169 of the IPC, saying the company falsely represented his "Para Sa 'yo ang Laban na 'to" album in advertisements published on Feb. 19 in three broadsheets, as well as in press releases and promo displays.

The ads showed the cover of Pacquiao's compact disc with a picture of him playing the guitar. Written below were the words: "Free! Manny Pacquiao 'Para Sa 'yo ang Laban na 'to' CD."

The ads claimed that the promotion was "in cooperation with" Star Records, Lovebug productions and Pacquiao Cares Records, producers of the boxer's album. According to Pacquiao, the catchphrase "Para Sa'yo ... Libre 'to," was an obvious play on the title of his album.

"It tended to suggest my personal involvement in their product," Pacquiao said. He said the promotional materials were released while he was finalizing negotiations with Astro Group for the endorsement of its Extreme Magic Sing, a direct competitor of New Magic Sing, and almost cost him the endorsement contract.

On Feb. 23, Pacquiao's lawyer Rafael Aquino sent a demand letter to the firms asking for P20 million for the unauthorized use of his name. He also asked the companies to suspend all advertisements using his name.

In a reply dated Feb. 24, Bonifacio Madrigal, Jr., lawyer of Su-a-Jiffy and working in the personal trials, suggested that Pacquiao was endorsing the product.

Madrigal said his clients were not selling Pacquiao's album. "They are given free to customers," he said, adding that the companies got in touch with Star Records for the promotional materials.

But the boxer said there was no document showing the alleged authority given to Su-a-Jiffy. "I never authorized them to publicly use my name," Pacquiao said.

Patrol team hurt in road accident

FOUR EMPLOYEES OF THE Manila North Tollway Corp. (MNTC) were injured in an early morning vehicular accident yesterday on the North Luzon Expressway.

Benjamin A. Soriano, MNTC spokesperson, said the victims were Alvin Aquino, Christian Pareno, Tony Taballa and Renan Moreno, members of the unit coordinating patrol team who are now confined at the Manila Central University Hospital in Caloocan City.

Soriano said the patrol car rolled over at least six times after the driver swerved to avoid a six-wheeler truck. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

Traffic volume unchanged despite coding suspension

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES on main Metro Manila streets seemed unchanged on the first day of the two-month number coding suspension.

This was reported yesterday by Traffic Operations Center Executive Director Angelito Vergel de Dios of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

MMDA proposed the lifting of the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program (UVVRP) as it expected the long school break would reduce the number of vehicles plying the metropolis' roads. Vergel de Dios said traffic might be even lighter in subsequent days "because some repair work in Makati was finished."

The MMDA started implementing yesterday the resolution approved by a majority of the Metro Manila Council, the agency's policymaking body composed of metro mayors. The UVVRP will be suspended in the Metro, except in Makati City, until June 2.

MMDA proposed the lifting, the first to be implemented while school is out, as it noted that vehicle volume on major roads in the Metro decreased by 20 percent during the long vacation.

The MMDA TOC's Traffic Engineering Center (TEC) is monitoring actual volume reduction on at least 20 major Metro Manila intersections for the duration of the suspension, TEC Planning and Design Division chief Noemi Recio said yesterday.

But some motorists expressed fears that the suspension could limit their mobility. Public utility vehicle drivers said it could mean reduced earnings.

Cab driver Oscar Somido said taxi riders who would take a cab on "coding" days could now use their cars throughout the week. With more cars on the road, the streets would be jammed again, increasing travel time and reducing the number of trips he could make in one day. Tony Vertigan, a doctor in Mandaluyong City who lives in Cavite, also prefers keeping the UVVRP in place. "I think the suspension is only creating confusion. Traffic will only get worse," he said. *With Rosalinda Barfeli, Reuters*



NO EXEMPTION
Flight attendants are also subjected to a rigid security check at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal. *jam noble*



ASINAN MAKES COMEBACK
The salt-making industry is enjoying a revival in Las Piñas City with the full support of Rep. Cynthia Villar. A newly built salt bed or *inasinan* (also called *asinan*) has been attracting visitors and old-timers with fond memories of the days when salt was a premier product of Las Piñas.

Police vow to resume digging up Pasig swamp

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force yesterday said it would resume digging up a water-logged compound in Pasig City even if the man who was the object of their search had already surfaced.

Police started digging up a swamp inside the compound on Tuesday morning after a witness said a suspected drug peddler was entombed inside a drum and buried in the compound by his employers in October 2005.

"I came out because I was worried my family in the province would feel upset. I am the only one with that nickname (Bernardo) who lived in the compound," Bernardo Torres told reporters yesterday.

Torres admitted he had lived in the compound and was acting as cook before he was jailed for alleged illegal possession in 2003. He said he never returned to the compound after he was released in September 2005.

"We will resume our operations the moment we have the proper equipment," said AIDSOTF chief Director Marcelo Ele Jr.

But Raymond Fortun, lawyer of textile businessman [illegible], owner of the compound, also vowed to block any further diggings by the police "unless they use sophisticated" equipment and have a search warrant.

MetroBriefs

Fire in Mandaluyong

THREE houses were burned to the ground in Barangay Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City, the other night. Nobody was reported injured, but at least P1.5 million worth of properties was razed in the fire that began at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday on the upper floor of the house owned by [illegible]. [illegible] *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Quite a team



THE BARBER of an alleged illegal recruiter based in Ermita was arrested in an entrapment operation on Wednesday for reportedly accepting payments from visitors on behalf of the recruiter. The suspect, Aglaia Agor Ramos, 26, of [illegible], Makati City, is now detained at the NBI Special Action Unit office. His mother, Eleanor Agor Ras, was earlier also arrested. Ramos was arrested while allegedly accepting marked money inside a fast food branch in the corner of Ermita and Malate Avenues, according to Special Investigator Isaac Carpena Jr. The suspects now face illegal recruitment charges. [illegible] *Margaux C. Ortiz*

F. A. Aquino; 68

FRANCISCO A. Aquino, father of former People's Journal City Editor Romeo Aquino, passed away yesterday morning. He was 68. He is survived by his wife Felisa, children [illegible], and grandchildren. His body lies at the family residence at [illegible], Cavite City. Interment plans will be announced later.

Lifestyle diseases to kill 27 million Asians a year

HONG KONG—BIRD FLU may be the world's hot topic, but health experts say many more may be dying in Asia from a far bigger problem—chronic "lifestyle diseases" that will kill 270 million Asians over the next decade.

While governments are finding cash and devising plans to prevent a possible flu pandemic, little to nothing is being done to tackle the region's biggest killers such as cancer, diabetes and respiratory and heart diseases.

"There has been a preoccupation with AIDS and more recently bird flu, but diabetes has been escalating. It's a time bomb," said professor Paul Zimmet, director of the International Diabetes Institute based in Australia.

"In Australia, 170 million dollars (\$125 million) has been committed to tackle a bird flu epidemic which may or may not happen, but we have a huge diabetes problem and there may be five million dollars spent annually. It's completely disproportionate," he said.

As the UN marks World Health Day on Friday, countries such as India and China are bracing for a worsening health crisis from chronic diseases that already claim more lives than infectious diseases such as malaria, AIDS and tuberculosis.

With rising prosperity in many parts of Asia, people are adopting unhealthy lifestyles that their bodies cannot cope with. Sedentary jobs, poor diet, smoking and alcohol are all blamed for the dramatic health shift.

India leads the world in diabetes cases. A government study estimated the number of diabetics to be about 35 million in 2004, and projected to rise to 57 million in 2025.

By 2020, the number of deaths each year due to chronic diseases in the country of 1.1 billion people may stand at 7.63 million (66.7 per cent of all deaths).

"Lifestyle diseases ... have already become the number one killer in India," said D. Prabhakaran, a professor at the department of cardiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

"The most important factors for lifestyle diseases are increasing consumption of tobacco, dietary consumption of fats, particularly saturated fat, lack of physical activity and inadequacy of stress-coping mechanisms," he said.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 270 million people in Asia will die from chronic disease between 2006 and 2015, mostly poor people in low income countries such as China, India, Pakistan and Indonesia.

That represents a rise in deaths from chronic disease of 17 percent while the region will see a 10 percent fall in those killed by infectious diseases, maternal and perinatal complications and malnutrition over the same period.

Asia has an estimated 8.3 million HIV/AIDS cases, while bird flu has killed 106 people out of 191 cases worldwide since the latest outbreak began in Asia in late 2003.

Chronic diseases are not just seen as a problem of the newly emerging wealthier classes. *AFP*

Jury awards \$4.5M in Vioxx verdict against drug firm Merck

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A JURY ON Wednesday found Merck & Co. failed to warn Vioxx users of the drug's heart risks and ordered it to pay a 77-year-old plaintiff at least \$4.5 million in a decision that raises questions about the company's defense of thousands of lawsuits filed over the medicine.

The jury determined that the company knew or should have known that its pain drug increased the risk of heart attacks and other cardiovascular events, but didn't adequately warn users or their doctors.

In a split decision after about 11 hours of deliberations, the jury said Vioxx had been a substantial contributing cause of a heart attack suffered by 77-year-old plaintiff John McDarby but determined that the drug was not a significant cause of a heart attack suffered by a second plaintiff, Thomas Cona.

Both men blamed the drug for their attacks.

Merck was also found to have misrepresented and concealed the heart risks of Vioxx when marketing the drug to doctors.

However, the jury found that Merck did not commit consumer fraud in its efforts to sell the drug. Jurors awarded \$4.5 million in compensatory damages to McDarby but nothing to Cona.

Shares of the drugmaker fell 2 percent in after-hours trade.

The trial now moves into the punitive phase in the case of McDarby. Jurors will determine on Thursday whether McDarby is entitled to punitive damages on top of the compensatory damages he was awarded. Punitive damages are capped at five times the amount set in compensatory damages under New Jersey state law.

Former Merck Chief executive Raymond Gilmartin will appear at Thursday's hearing to explain the company's actions over Vioxx, said Merck spokesperson Ron Rogers.

Bob Gordon, an attorney for Mr. Darby, predicted there would be more Vioxx cases following the jury's award to McDarby, who had a series of health problems including diabetes and heart disease that his attorneys said were exacerbated by Vioxx.

"I think there is going to be a significant increase in the number of filings against Merck," Gordon told reporters after the verdict.

Merck attorney Chuck Harrell said the company was "disappointed" by the split decision.

He added: "The split ruling at least suggests that we need to look at these cases on an individual basis as we have in the past."



A BOTTLE of Vioxx

Neither McDarby nor Cona made any comment as they left the court. Mark Lanier, who represented Cona, told reporters after the verdict that the jury "evidently didn't believe that Cona took the drug."

Merck had sought to cast doubt on the length of time that Cona took Vioxx.

If anything is clear in this mixed verdict, according to Steve Brozak, a pharmaceutical analyst at WBB Securities, it's that Merck is in the middle of a "long and arduous process."

"I think that Merck has to be cautioning us as we speak as to how long that process can continue, free (the company) can't take on these.

"They have a mixed verdict here, but literally thousands of cases standing in front of them, and attorneys handling those cases say that in all they hope to these types of verdicts."

In previous trials, Merck was able to argue that there was no evidence of increased heart risk associated with short-term use of the pain medicine. Because Cona, 60, and McDarby were both long-term Vioxx users, this trial has been particularly closely watched for indications of how future cases might play out. *Reuters*

The WORLD

Foes demand Thaksin quit politics

BANGKOK—OPPONENTS OF THAKSIN SHINAWATRA vowed Thursday to keep up protests against the former Thai prime minister until he removed himself completely from politics.

US Senate GOPs offer immigration compromise



DUCKS are displayed for sale at a market in Phnom Penh April 6. Bird flu has killed a 12-year-old boy in Cambodia.

UK confirms bird flu in dead swan

Dutch probe: No foul play in Milosevic death



MILOSEVIC

Saddam admits approving '80s death sentences



SADDAM

WORLDBRIEFS

Cases of India HIV infections jump

Fujimori weds Japan businesswoman



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Finland court stops generic Lipitor sales

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Fiba: Lina still key to cage row

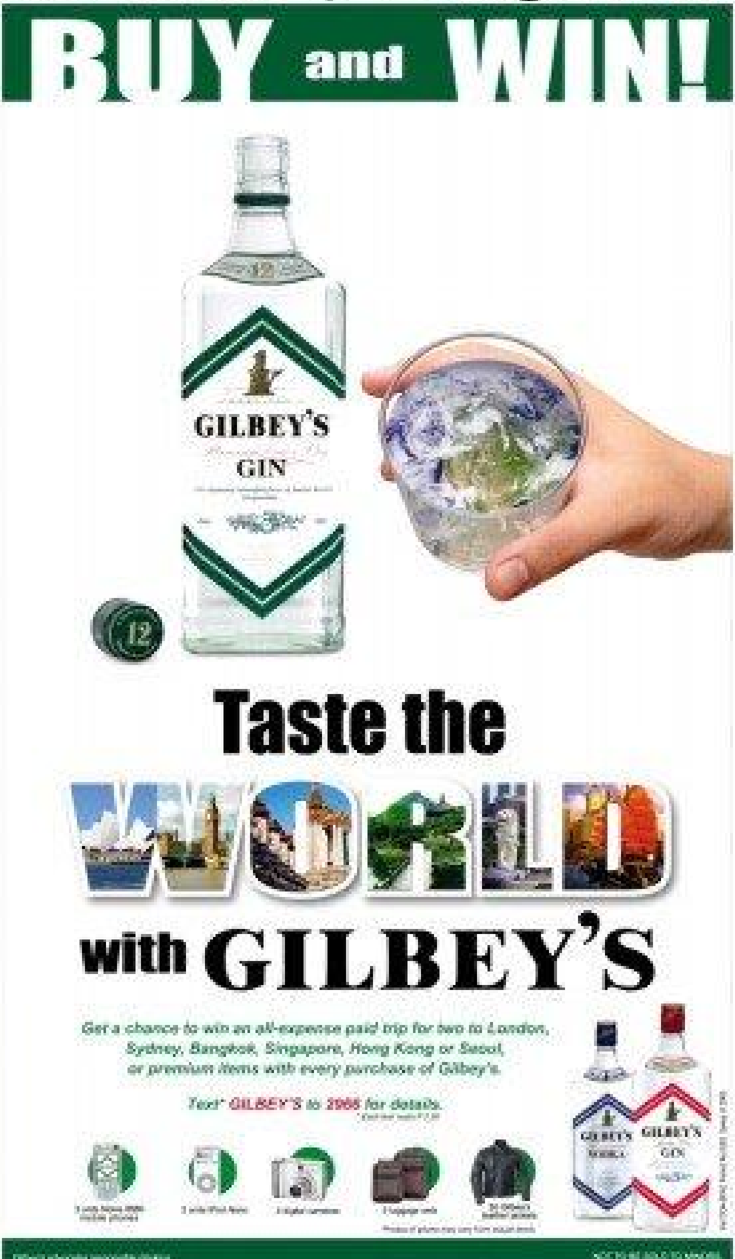
Baumann puts the ball back in POC's court

WHAT IS THE FASTEST WAY to bring Philippine basketball back to the Fiba fold?



PATRICK Baumann: All-powerful

"I believe him"



Joey happy BAP was 'vindicated'

Williams hot as Spinners zap Harbour



Escares routs Lagura, cops 10-under title

Giants seek 5th straight victory versus Beermen



Cool P75M for World Pool staging

Santos out for rest of season

Joey happy BAP was vindicated

Reyes welcomes World Pool in Manila

CLEAN LIVING



Mystery unfolds at Masters today



Jack, Arnold bid farewell

Boxer sentenced for killing writer

Bulls jump ahead of 76ers in playoff race

SPORTSWATCH



Fearless Fighting erupts

PCCA race heats up

SPORTS



Three fresh squads, new format spice up V League

THREE NEW TEAMS AND A NEW format are expected to make the second conference of the V League volleyball tournament presented by Shakey's more exciting.

After giving way to the staging of the 2005 Southeast Asian Games last year, big-time women's volleyball action returns April 22 with an eight-team field at the Rizal Coliseum.

Philippine Christian University, UAAP runner-up Adamson and University of the East have entered the tournament for the first time, even as former champion Santo Tomas seeks a leave after failing to assemble a competitive team.

The Tigresses, who won the initial staging in 2004, lost the core of its team to graduation.

But the depth of the competing field remains as talent-laden as ever with UAAP and defending champion La Salle eyeing a third straight title.

Ateneo, Far Eastern, Lyceum and San Sebastian are the other teams aiming to foil the tournament's first-ever "three-peat" by the Lady Archers.

"We can expect an action-packed tournament because of the higher level of competition," said Emilio "Ato" Bernardino, president of the organizing Sports Vision Management Group Inc.

The new format, meanwhile, will have the eight teams playing a one-round elimination with the top five squads advancing to the semifinals. The first stage of the playoffs will be a double round robin where each of the five teams will carry over their elimination round records to the second stage.

An incentive scheme—the old "1-4-4 rule" adopted by the PBA years ago—will be used for the tournament. This will allow any team in the semifinals to challenge the second-placed team after the round in a playoff for the second berth in the championship series.

Playdates are set on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays starting at 4 p.m. at the Rizal Coliseum and Ninoy Aquino Stadium in Manila.



Second BMW Golf Cup leg fires off at Mimosa today

CLARK FIELD, PAMPANGA—A FIELD OF 128 PLAYers tees off today in the second leg of the BMW Golf Cup International at the Acacia and Lakeview layouts of the Mimosa complex here. [illegible]

Mayor Sagun Cup gets going at Sherwood Hills

[illegible]

TEE SHOTS



CHAMP 2nd Penguin Cup Champion, Stephanie Yu and [illegible] show their trophies after leading the field and winning the 2nd Penguin Cup tournament at the Legends course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club.



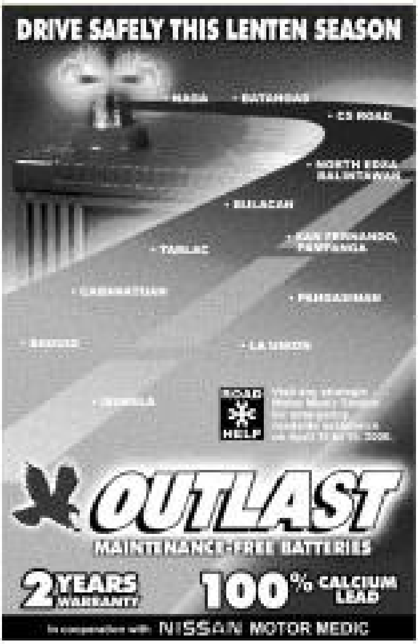
GOLF FOR COUPLES: [illegible]

78'ers 'Swing for a Cause' up at Valley

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Ford team shootout under way

[illegible]





ENTERTAINMENT

Kinks in filming 'Darna' revealed





'Little Big Star' finals tomorrow, six survivors meet the press



By Miri Valera

SIX ASPIRING YOUNG STARS compete tomorrow night for the "Little Big Star" title ... [illegible]

There were more than 24 hopefuls at the start of the elimination round ... [illegible]

The six survivors were paraded on Wednesday before the media and ... [illegible]

MAKISIG Morales

[illegible]

LITTLE/A2-3

Makisig Morales knows his fans are behind him. But it is the judges who will decide, he says, and the competition is 'really tough'

Calo power

FEEDBACK

Don't forget

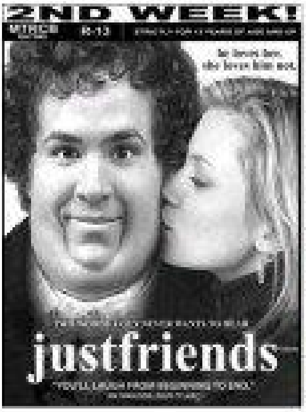
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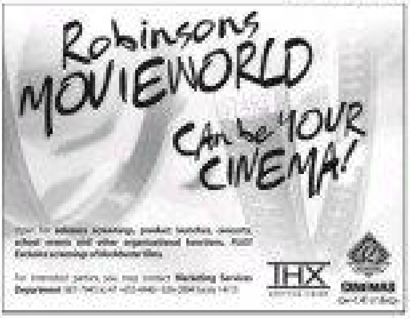
Mon David, 'evolving artist'

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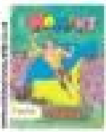






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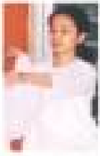


"CAPTAIN Barbell"



"DARNA"

SHOW TIME



Four Faces of Woman

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IN HER OTHER new movie, "Bandidas," Salma and pal Penelope Cruz keep their clothes on.

Salma: Colin 'respectful' in our nude scene

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

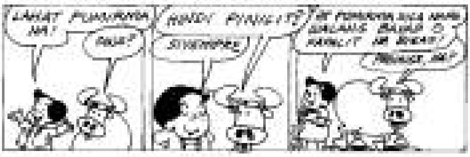
LOS ANGELES—COLIN FARRELL, Hollywood's "bad boy," was a gentleman in his nude scene with Salma Hayek in "Ask the Dust," according to the actress.

Shark attack

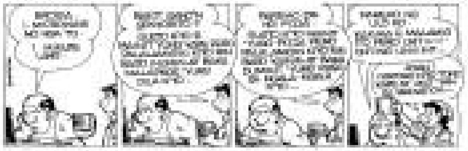
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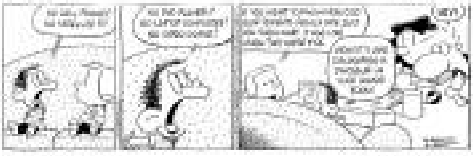
> She says he never looked away from her eyes while they were shooting, whereas most men end up staring at her breasts

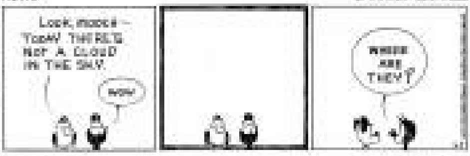


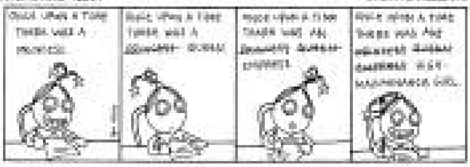




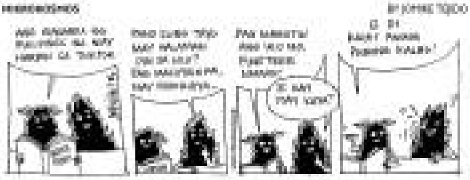




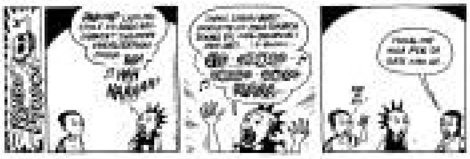


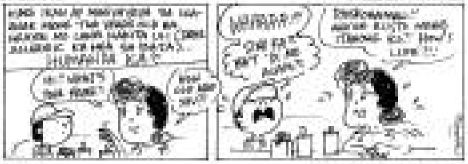








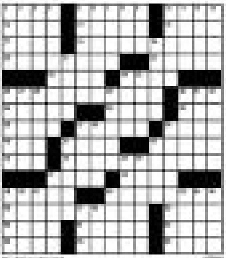


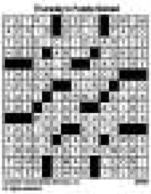




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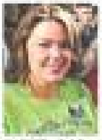
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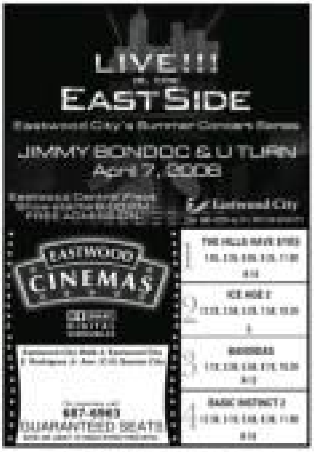
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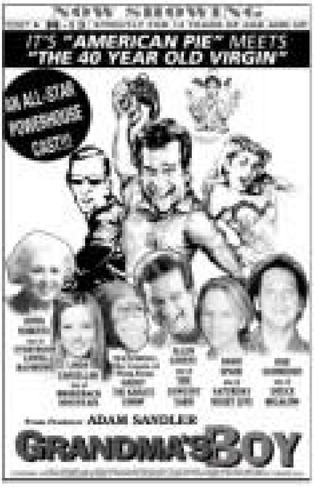
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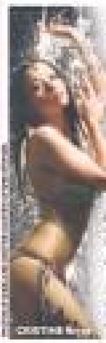






Winning streak

ANGEL Locsin



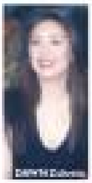
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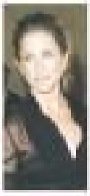
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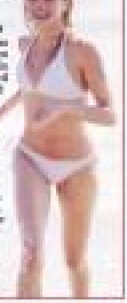
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Cameron wins





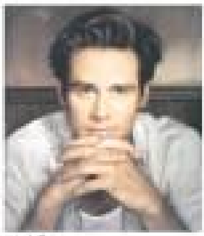
JENNIFER Aniston (left) and Cameron Diaz

Sultan of Slapstick, Guru of Good Vibes

'My job is to give people relief from really nasty problems'



JIM CARREY onscreen ...



... and off.

Dead serious

Salma: Colin 'respectful' in our nude scene



PENELOPE Cruz and Salma Hayek

Very funny

From our e-mail box



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Shares close 1.03% higher

Gov't urged to curb peso gains

Experts warn people's purchasing power will be compromised

ECONOMISTS ARE URGING monetary authorities to keep a tight watch on the rapidly appreciating peso, warning that the unimpeded rise of the currency may cause extensive damage to domestic industries.



BANKABLE SMILES

Ecop bucks bill prohibiting subcontracting of jobs





Management in agriculture

COMMENTARY

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Simply Delightful: The Amenities at East of Galleria



Chinese firm putting up $300-M glass plant in Subic

SBMA chief in Mainland to sign contracts



MACTAN ECOZONE ENTERPRISE
Raymond Tan, chair of Yuen Thai Philippines (right), shows Cebu City Representative Raul Del Mar samples of the products made in the company's factory at the Mactan Export Processing Zone in Mactan, Cebu. Yuen Thai Philippines Inc. manufactures athletic apparel.

SMC's 2-mo income up 4%

BPI sees 10% growth in profit

Smart extends 3G services nationwide

35% tender offer trigger kept

BSP maintains key . . .

From page B1

Equitable equivocation

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Money-go-round

Heard through the grapevine

Investments in Peza-registered projects up 4% to ₱14.52B in Q1

Total sees steady growth in RP lubricants market

Shares

ERRATUM

Philam Plans' trust fund has closely reached P20 Billion not P20 Million as stated in the photo caption of the article "Philam Plans - Earning people's trust, fulfilling Filipino dreams," published last March 31, 2003. Business Friday Section.

P3.2-billion Panglao airport moves forward



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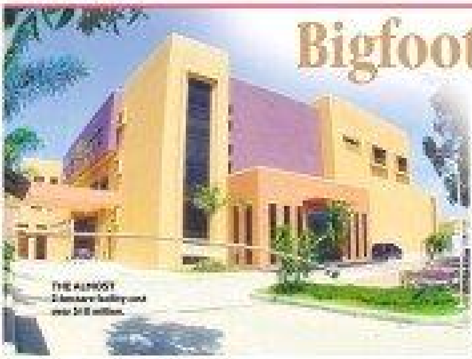


> "We want to be the International Card Company that knows the Philippines best..."



BUSINESS *Friday*

Bigfoot brings Hollywood to Cebu



THE ALMOST [illegible] building [illegible] over $18 million.

By [illegible] Cruz

Contributor, PDI Visayas Bureau



CEO [illegible] Andrews





No skips or blots along the way for ball pen firm



Bigfoot brings...

Discovering the male market for leather goods



IT TOOK two years before the shop could set up its own boutique at The Podium.

How to . . .

Consumer development

Services entrepreneurship

How to be a young marketing master—lessons from the YMMA Awardees—I



Q: "I AM A FRESH GRADUATE AND I WANT to make my mark as a marketer, how do I start? Any advice or success secrets that you can share for aspiring young marketers like myself?"

A: It's always good to seek a benchmark for your goal. Seek out marketers who have done or are doing what you wish to achieve. Seek them out and ask them if you could meet with them and buy them lunch. (It will be worth the investment!) Pick their brains. Get to know them. Read the books that they've read, go to the seminars that they've attended, eat what they eat, walk like them, talk like them-get the idea? Sit at their feet, listen to their stories and take notes. Truly successful people love to share their knowledge and wisdom with anyone who has a spirit of desire to succeed.

A couple of weeks ago, we were at the Young Market Masters Awards (YMMA) hosted and organized by AsiaInSite (who was once the Philippine Marketing Association's youngest president as well as being a past YMMA awardee). Go founded the YMMA to inspire young marketers like you.

We're publishing the career paths and success stories of the six YMMA winners (all under 35 years old) so that you have role models and benchmarks.

Brand management

Joseph Charles R. Crael, Senior Product Manager for Beverage Marketing (C2 Green Tea), Universal Robina Corporation (URC). YMMA Awardee for Brand Management.

Crael is largely responsible for the rebrand [illegible] of bottled ice tea drinks in the Philippines. Crael's brand genius is widely credited for the success of C2 Green Tea—touted as the most successful product launch in the history of URC. Within Crael's three-year stint with URC he was able to generate 115 percent and 200 percent volume above targets for the fresh Flavored Drinks and C2 Green Tea, respectively. Responsible for the development of brand war systems in the company, Crael also integrated channel marketing disciplines into brand management. He conceptualized systems and procedures in carrying cooperative accounts that led to the beverage line's 23 percent contribution to the total beverage Ready To Drink (RTD) category in less than a year, surpassing even the total coffee sales of URC.

Prior to joining URC, Crael was Product Manager for strong brands across different fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) categories such as Purefoods Hormel, RFM Swift and Rowy Martin.

A product of the De La Salle University Graduate School of Business, Joseph is currently sharing his expertise in the field of marketing through teaching assignments in Don Bosco College and in his alma mater, Miriam College.

Here is Crael's advice:

"If you decide to pursue a career in the corporate world, begin your career in sales. It will give you an idea of the total operations of the company and at the same time expose you to the consumers. Marketing will focus on consumer consumption points and your sales experience will give you the edge in the trade and business operations.

Love your work. I'm passionate with my work because I enjoy what I am doing. I treat each day as an opportunity to learn something new.

NEW TO B3-3



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LifeStyle

Braided, beaded and bold

FOR THIS SUMMER, THE COLE HAAN collection is a cultural fusion, playing out exotic elements like braided leathers, beads, roping, python and metallic leathers, and bold, bright colors.

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AIR Hampton slides



THIRD-GENERATION jeweler Carissa Oledan Coscolluela and father Boji Coscolluela, with Duty Free Phil. general manager Michael Khu

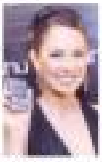


BEJEWELED organizers: Motorola's Mari Limjoco, Shu Uemura's Tina Tiksio and Shu Uemura chief international makeup artist Kakuyasu Uchiide

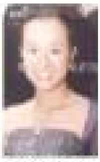


A TRUE luxury collaboration: Philippine Shu Uemura artist Xiang Zabala and co-organizer Tom Valderrama of Smart Infinity

Bejeweled crowd gets more bling



RUFFA Gutierrez Bektas with her diamond-studded Motorola RAZR V3



ASIAN Games gold medalist Mikee Cojuangco Jaworski

JUST AS THE INVITATION HAD promised, pakingan, "Bejeweled!" was the fabulous launch of the precious stone-encrusted Shu Uemura's false eyelashes and Motorola's cool RAZR V3 mobile phone. Also sponsored by Smart Infinity, it was the most dazzling happening of the week.

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Without Batting an Eyelash



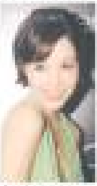
Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using Kodak EasyShare

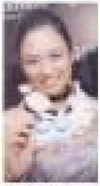
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MICHIKO Tachibana and Margot Vargas Gonzalez hold up their ruby, pink and sapphire false eyelashes and diamond-encrusted Motorola cell phones, respectively, which are the evening's prizes.



SAVANNAH Lumen, in a vintage-inspired outfit, was the firing winner of the Vintage Vert green and white diamond lashes.



KELLY Misa shows off her sapphire and diamond-encrusted Shu Uemura false eyelashes



SOCIO-CIVIC ORIENTED woman Kate Gordon and newlywed Audrey Tan Zubiri with mother, adorable Doris Tan

Humble birthday boy

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INTERIOR designer Anton Barretto and Trina Pamaran



RUSTAN royals Dina Pineda and wife Marisa, the lucky winner of the diamond and yellow and blue sapphire Motorola RAZR V3



SHU UEMURA'S pretty young ones Tessa Dragon and Addict Mobile's main man Luis Ang as Embassy Cuisine opens the party organized by Addict Mobile



GLAMOROUS lady beautiful Mari Tantoco Pineda and pal, Susie Quirino



PATTY Pineda and vivacious Carmina Sanchez



INQUIRER'S eye-catching gals Kai Cruz and Ria Francisco Prieto



WOMEN of substance. Heir to the throne, second-generation top jeweler Linda Oledan and Chickie Lacson



SMART Infinity top client John Tan and Motorola Phils. country manager Patrick Arenson



DAVAO royals Marissa Floirendo Brias and mother, Doña Nenita del Rosario Floirendo



THE KOALA GANG: MWC president Antonio Aquino, MWC CFO Sherisa Nuesa, the celebrator, our king of the day, Jovanie P. Rosales, Ayala Land vice president, Jaime Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Corp. chair, Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, Doña Bea Miranda Zobel de Ayala and ALI chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala

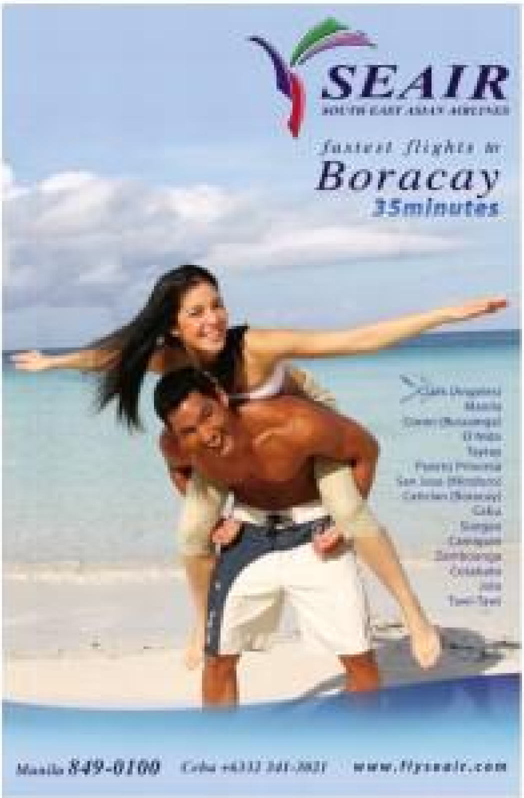


THE CELEBRATOR'S wife Dr. Betsy Rosales and sons JR, Allan and Miley



Search for 'Superbods'

Goings On



How to get a life after South Beach Diet





Hard to ignore

Impressive







FASHION DESIGNERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES GALA

Slim pickings at 25

In the absence of a sensible forecast, something as basic as wearability seemed like an afterthought among the participating designers

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

IF TURNING 25 IS SUPPOSED to be a crossroad in a person's life—when he starts to look back with fondness on his youth while steeling himself for more serious work ahead—this fact of life seemed to have been lost on not a few members of the Fashion Designers' Association of the Philippines.

Philippine Fashion Week's recent curtain raiser featured the works of FDAP stalwarts such as Edgar San Diego, Frenzy Bernardo, Dekar Perales, Cesar Gaupo, Johnny Abad, Francis Calaguian and Edgar Madamba, among others, as they marked their silver anniversary as a group. And what an appalling opening salvo it was!

SLIM D2



FANNY Serrano



Slim pickings at 25





French prize

Paris-trained Solenn Heussaff wants to carve her own niche in the rather tight universe of Philippine fashion design

Text by Chuchi N. Morel
Photos by Wesley Villarica of Paradise Studio

MAKE ROOM, PHILIPPINES: There's a new designer in the house.

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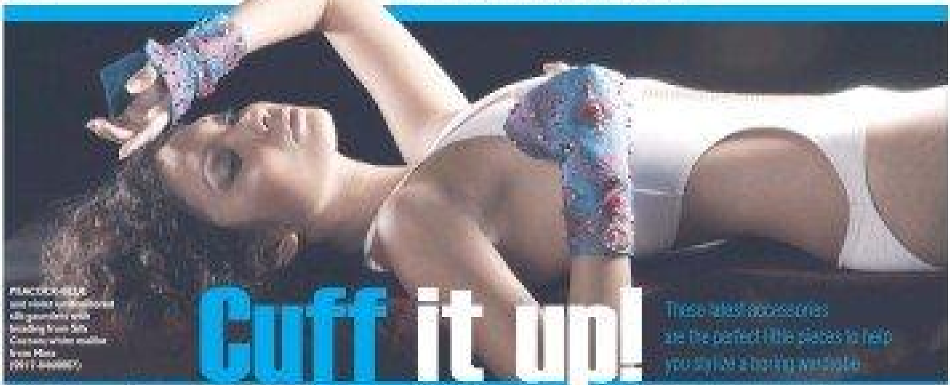
Paris training

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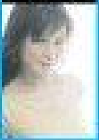
Cuff it up!

These latest accessories are the perfect little pieces to help you [illegible] a boring wardrobe





APPLES' PICKINGS

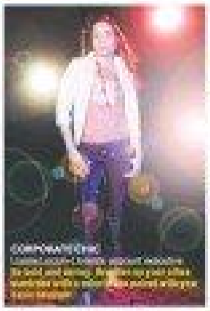


Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

















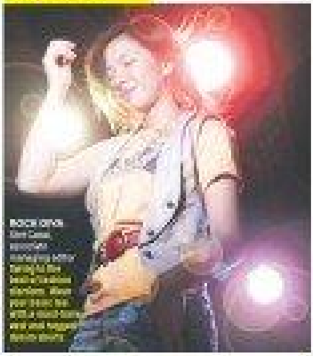
Life is a par-tee

Summer's sweltering vibe adds extra heat to the party scene. Soft cotton T-shirts from Molecules and Particles find its way into this season's list of party must-haves











Caftan VS Nautical

By Luisa R. Carpo
Contributor

ONLY SPORTS ILLUSTRATED and FHM calendar models can plead ignorance on the importance of covering up one's exposed limbs on the beach.

WHERE TO SCORE

BOHO LUXE

NAUTICAL NUMBERS

BEAUTY TIPS

A Muse of a tale



LINDSAY Lohan

KATE Moss

Mabuhay!



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LIFESTYLE

BEAUTY

Fashion Week shimmers





KNOCKOUT!

Pia Francisco-Prieto

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN when fashion is foremost on everyone's minds, and beauty in all its fabulous guises takes center stage. The brainchild of the country's fashion forerunners Joey and Audie Espino, Philippine Fashion Week has been instrumental in driving the country's fashion industry and helping increase the fashion quotient of the Philippine public these past nine years, showcasing the latest trends and must-have pieces from both established and upcoming designers from all over the country.

Making this year's fashion scene even more vibrant is Avon Color, the official makeup sponsor of Philippine Fashion Week '06. I had the chance to go backstage and witness all the [illegible] goings-on firsthand!

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1 - year fixed	10.25%
2 - year fixed	11.00%
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country's top makeup artists to create and execute the "look" of each show.

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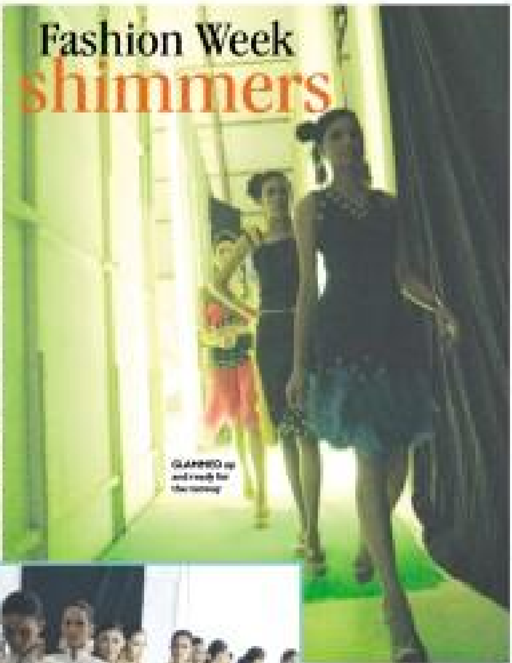
"The first thing that people notice are the eyes and lips, and good makeup should always highlight these features," said [illegible]. [illegible]

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Goddesses and divas

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Fashion Week shimmers



GLAMMED up and ready for the runway







YOUR makeup should complement your look, as with these girls.

of turning the models into bronzed beauties. "I wanted to take the natural beauty of the tanned Filipina and glam it up a notch," said [illegible]

[illegible]

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FOUR-PALETTE eye shadow for a day-to-night look



LIPSTICK with moisturizer for an easy glide





GLOSS for a bolder pout



Get that fashionably fresh lo[ok]

THE SWELTERING SUMMER HEAT IS NO EXCUSE for not looking your best. [illegible]

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DUO BLUSH by Avon can be used on any skin tone.



MAKEUP [illegible]







The key word is natural, and all you need is a sheer wash of color via sheer or glossy lipstick



REVLON Love That Pink blush

LAURA Mercier Liquid Crystal Lip Glass in pink quartz

Colorful enhancements

MAKEOVER 911



Kimmy Salas

Lips

Eyes

Cheeks



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